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1. [redacted] members of the Politburo of the SED, are said to have been present at a meeting at the headquarters of the Soviet High Commission at which they were given a new briefing on foreign policy. 25X1
2. They were told that the declarations published by TASS on the possibility of conversations with the West even after the ratification of the Paris Treaties are to be understood to mean that the U.S.S.R. would be prepared to negotiate concerning a European security pact, without insisting on German reunification. It should be taken for granted that both German governments would take part in such negotiations, which would imply the recognition of both governments by the Big Four. 25X1
3. The Soviet government would be inclined to recognize the Bonn government, in spite of the ratification of the Paris Treaties. It would expect to make some favorable propaganda out of this act, especially if the Western powers refused to grant simultaneous recognition to the East German government. Moscow would consider it useful to have an embassy in Bonn.
4. The East Germans were requested to use the following phraseology: if the Paris Agreements should become a fait accompli, the possibility of conversations would be long delayed. The words fait accompli were to be left vague (as meaning either the ratification or the implementation of the Agreements), in order to preserve the greatest possible freedom of action for the future.

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